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The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International – For Key Women Educators

Dr. Maureen Clemmons to speak at the birthday luncheon

Dr. Maureen Clemmons, president of Transformations, an innovation and change management consulting practice in Los Angeles, is the keynote speaker for the Birthday Luncheon. She holds a doctorate in Organization Change from Pepperdine University. Her work is the subject of a History Channel documentary.



(PHOTO PROVIDED)
Dr. Maureen Clemmons

In her presentation the speaker recounts her story of developing an innovative new theory on the construction of the pyramids and her journey in translating her concept to reality. After reading an article about a crew of archeologists attempting to upright an obelisk manually, Dr. Clemmons developed a theory that the ancient Egyptians, being sailors, used the wind to erect their monuments. She tested her theory on a small scale, and during the course of this fieldwork she developed a novel reinterpretation of Egyptian symbols and tools. Her simple “Goddard-type” field tests were a resounding success, but still skeptics abounded. She could not get Egyptologists even to evaluate the idea, despite the mathematical models. As she conducted a series of field tests demonstrating this idea and pursued various avenues, she managed to catch the attention of Dr. Gharib, a professor of aeronautics at the prestigious California Institute of Technology in Pasadena, California.

Their collaborative work resulted in several field tests where a 3.4-ton obelisk was actually lifted off the ground with two men in 25 seconds.

Dr. Clemmons went on to erect a 16-ton obelisk, profiled on the internationally aired History Channel documentary “Flying Pyramids, Soaring Stones,” and followed that with the construction of a 200-ton pyramid in the Mojave Desert. Her story is one of perseverance in the face of skepticism, the importance of innovative thought and the translation of thought into action with whatever resources are available. Her work has been covered by many news sources, and she has received awards for her accomplishments.

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...promotes personal and professional growth of women educators and excellence in education.

Soaring Stones, the book she co-authored with Dan Cray (a science writer for Time magazine), will be available for sale after her talk.

Dr. Joye Sterrett, Omega,
President Arizona State Organization

2017 STATE CONVENTION SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

APRIL 21-23

Radisson Suites Hotel • 6555 E. Speedway • Tucson, AZ

Friday, April 21

Life Experience:	
Mini Time Machine Museum	2:00 pm
Registration	3:00 to 7:00 pm
Rose Boutique: Set Up/Open	4:00 to 6:30 pm
Chorus Rehearsal	4:00 to 5:15 pm
Appreciation Dinner	5:00 to 6:30
Opening Night Reception	7:00 pm
<i>(Appetizers and Tucson Girls Chorus Mariposa Singers)</i>	

Saturday, April 22

Hotel Breakfast	6:30 am
(\$10.00 coupon from hotel)	
Registration	7:00 am to 12:00 pm
Rose Boutique Open	7:00-7:45 am, 11:45-Noon, 3-5 pm
General Session	8:00 am to 9:55 am
Workshop Session I	10:00 to 10:55 am
Workshop Session II	11:00 to 11:55 am
Birthday Luncheon with Speaker	
Dr. Maureen Clemmons	12:15 to 2:30 pm
Workshop Session III	3:00 to 3:55 pm
Chorus Rehearsal	4:15 to 5:30 pm
Rose Banquet Procession Lineup	6:00 pm
Rose Banquet	6:30 pm

Sunday, April 23

Ceremony of Remembrance	8:00 am
Lei of Friendship Breakfast	9:00 am

Preview of 2017 Convention Workshops - Using MRI and fMRI to Understand and Remediate Dyslexia; Pride in the Big Picture: Member Recruitment; Active Participation Grades K – 5; Improve Your Classroom Questioning Technique; National Board Certification; Leadership: To Push, Pull or Sit Back and Watch; Teacher Tech Tools; The Myth of One Size Fits All: Strengthen Your Chapter; Women of the Wild West!; Dyslexia: A Story of Friendship, Faith and Enlightenment; Everyone Is a Leader (for current chapter presidents).

Mini Time Machine Museum Tour
see story on page 6





KEY THOUGHTS FROM Joye

POTENTIAL

Are you using your potential? What about potential for your chapter and our state organization? Potential is having the ability to change or grow into a new beginning, developing characteristics that lead to future accomplishments, or thinking of bigger or better solutions and how to achieve them.

You may already know your potential or maybe you see something that describes a goal or accomplishment that you would like to reach. Keeping this goal in mind, reaching your potential may involve these characteristics: determination to stay with a project, knowledge of how to handle discouragement (and stay the course), imagination to look for answers, the courage to change or apply changes to yourself or your organization.

Be open to new ideas and to unexpected opportunities that might help you. Sometimes ideas enabling potential arrive out of the blue—be ready to accept new or surprising insights.

These characteristics can be applied to yourself to develop potential, to develop chapter potential and to increase accomplishments at the state level.

Start by defining where you want to be, where your chapter should be and what is expected from a strong state organization. List the steps to reaching this potential. Involve others in helping you plan and carry out your plan.

"Unlock Your Potential" is the theme of Convention 2017, to be held April 21, 22, 23 at the Radisson, Tucson. Dr. Maureen Clemmons, guest speaker, will inspire us with her accomplishments in reaching a goal outside her area of expertise and despite adversity. Barbara Whiting, DKG International First Vice-President, will address reaching your chapter's potential. Use this opportunity to see what we can accomplish and where we can go!

Tucson Girls Chorus set to perform

The Friday night entertainment at the Omicron State Convention will feature a performance of "Sounds of Spring" by the



Mariposa Singers of the Tucson Girls Chorus under the direction of Jess Edelbrock. Mariposa is the fourth most advanced choir (typically 6th through 8th grades) at the Tucson Girls Chorus.

The mission of the Tucson Girls Chorus is "to prepare a diverse group of young women to be confident leaders through participation in a well-constructed educational program that emphasizes music, performance, leadership training and community service."

More about the chorus can be found at tucsongirlschorus.org.

Barbara Whiting, International First Vice-President, to Attend Arizona State Convention

Arizona welcomes Barbara Whiting as the International Representative to the 2017 Omicron State Convention. She will bring information from International at the Business Meeting and speak at the Rose Banquet. She is currently serving as First Vice President at the International level. Her



Barbara Whiting,
International First
Vice President

extensive experience throughout the DKG organization, as well as her professional educational background, volunteer projects, and personal interests will assuredly create enthusiasm throughout the April convention.

Whiting served as Board Member-at-Large during the last biennium. Prior to that service, she chaired the Educators Award and Leadership Committees. She has been a workshop presenter at more than 10 regional conferences and international conventions. She has traveled frequently in her DKG responsibilities visiting foreign countries such as Mexico and Germany. Michigan, Delaware, Wisconsin, South Dakota, New Mexico and others have welcomed her to their state meetings. In her home state of Minnesota, she has served as state president, is a chapter founder, and has held various leadership roles.

During her professional career, she has been an elementary school principal, supervisor of student teachers, coordinator of special

services programs, and a teacher of grades 3-5. An avid reader, she is member of two book clubs and she enjoys birding, photography, travel, and biking.

Please extend a warm Arizona welcome to Barbara Whiting, our International Representative at the Arizona State Convention.

Kathy Green, Alpha Delta,
Communications & Publicity Chair



Bonnie Dent (Tau) was recognized in the January 10, 2017, *Williams News*. The article highlighted her career as a former public school art teacher and a watercolor artist. She teaches adult watercolor workshops at The Gallery in Williams and was recently a presenter at Omicron's 2017 Creative Arts Retreat.

Merry Lewis (Nu) has been invited by El Salvador State Organization to be an International Speaker in April.

Belen Moreno (Alpha Sigma) was the Grand Marshall for the Oct. 22, 2016 Billy Moore Days Parade in Avondale. The annual festival highlights pioneer days and the establishment of the community. Moreno (81), a retired teacher and administrator, remembers being a child of the area's farm labor camps in the West Valley. She has co-authored an upcoming book on the period.

Sylvia Payne (Lambda) performed as piano soloist with the Sonora Winds, October 5, 2016 at Grace St. Paul's Church, Tucson.

Lambda, Nu and Xi chapters will have their 60th anniversaries in 2017. They were installed May 4, 1957.

Alpha Delta, Alpha Epsilon and Alpha Zeta chapters were installed on April 29, 1967. Happy Golden Anniversary to them!

The way we were...

1942 (75 years ago) – The State Scholarship Committee was formed after approval at the April 4, 1942 State Convention.

1967 (50 years ago) – Alpha Delta, Alpha Epsilon and Alpha Zeta chapters were installed on April 29, 1997.

1992 (25 years ago) – The Spring All-Member Workshop, in Flagstaff, passed a motion to hold annual state conventions starting in 1993.

Committee Announces Omicron State Officer Nominees for 2017-2019

The Omicron State Nominations Committee has announced the slate of nominees for the 2017-2019 biennium.

Alice Reule (Alpha Delta), a retired educator, is the Omicron State nominee for President. She is currently the state first vice-president and has served the state as second vice-president, recording secretary and corresponding secretary. Reule has chaired the Educational Excellence, Membership and Life Experience committees and organized numerous state projects and programs. She has actively participated at many international and regional conferences, delivering two Necrology tributes at the 2016 International Convention and introducing the keynote speaker at the 2015 Regional Conference. She was a 2014 Leadership Management Seminar attendee. Active in her chapter, she has served as chapter president.



Alice Reule (Alpha Delta) is the nominee for Omicron State President.

Carmen Wendt (Chi) now serving as state recording secretary is the nominee for first vice-president. As a member of the International Membership Committee, Wendt assisted in the training of state second vice-presidents at the 2015 Regional Conference and presented hot topics and cyber center sessions at the 2016 International Convention. She also attended the 2016 Leadership Management Seminar. She was chair of the 2013-15 state Expansion Committee, which included co-chairing the state KARE Ambassadors project. She is a past president of her chapter.



Carmen Wendt (Chi) is the Omicron State nominee for First Vice-President.

Susan Halliday (Alpha Delta) is the nominee for state second vice-president and is currently serving as state corresponding secretary. She attended the 2014 and 2016 National Legislative Seminar in Washington D.C. and presented a report, Arizona Education Issues, for the U.S. Forum at the 2015 Southwest Regional. She was registrar of the 2016 state convention and served on the Expansion/Membership, Life Experience committees and the KARE and Strategic Action teams. She was chair of the 2013-2015 Legislative Committee, organizing two state Legislative Day events and the nomination and voting procedures for the Friend of Education annual awards. She has served in all officer positions and most committees in her chapter.



Susan Halliday (Alpha Delta) has been nominated for Omicron State Second Vice-President.

Denise Crockett (Kappa) is the nominee for state recording secretary. She teaches and is the coordinator of Art at Safford Arizona Middle School. Crockett was chair of the 2015 and 2017 Creative Arts Retreats, has chaired the Arts Committee and served on Nominations and Leadership Development committees. She assisted with the 2016 new chapter presidents' seminar and provided the luncheon decorations. She also organized decorations for the 2014 state convention and has presented literature-based workshops at international, regional and state conferences. Crockett has been chapter president or co-president for the past three biennia while directing many chapter events.



Denise Crockett (Kappa) is the nominee for State Recording Secretary.

Linda Perl (Chi), a retired educator and part-time flight attendant, is the nominee for corresponding secretary. She is currently state Finance Chair and has served as Latin American Chair and a member of the Membership Committee. Perl has been president, first vice-president and recording secretary of her chapter.



Linda Perl (Chi) is the nominee for State Corresponding Secretary.

Nominees for Nominations Committee

Area I - Priscilla Hall (Tau) transferred from California in 2015 and immediately became involved in chapter activities, especially membership enhancement. She currently serves on the state Necrology Committee and as chapter president. Her article, "Bullying and the Teacher," was published in the DKG International *Bulletin*.

Area II - Suellen Brahs (Rho) served as chair of the 2016 Omicron State Convention and as president of her chapter, and has led the Fall Workshop registration process. She chaired the state Scholarship Committee and served on the Arts, Legislative and Life Experience committees. She has attended and helped organize several Arizona Creative Arts Retreats.

Area III - Rhonda Boales (Alpha Zeta) has served as chapter president twice and as treasurer. At the state level, she has been a member of the Necrology, Membership and convention steering committees.

She is a retired Special Education teacher and school principal and presently works part-time in Special Education in her community.

Area IV - Darby Downs (Alpha Rho) is currently serving her second term as chapter president and has been chapter first vice-president and recording secretary. She has been 2013 and 2017 convention registrar and has served on the state Leadership Development and Communications committees. She has stepped out of teaching temporarily to be home with her two young children.

Area V - Evelyn Harris (Epsilon) is a retired educator and currently second vice-president of her chapter. She has also assumed many other leadership roles for her chapter, including president and first vice-president. She has served as editor of several state convention and Fall Workshop program booklets and is editor of her chapter newsletter.

Lambda co-presidents Patricia Holmes and Patricia Rendon present the gift of a cello to a deserving student.



Lambda members award cello

One of Lambda's annual projects is the awarding of Fine Arts Grants to 3 or 4 deserving middle school students. The money for these grants comes from our Remembrance Fund, which is money collected in honor of our deceased Lambda members. Last school year one of these recipients who is a promising cello student, was also chosen to be our freshman high school Grant-in-Aid student for this school year. She has been interested in participating in the Junior Strings Program in the community but was not able to do so, as she did not own an instrument. After hearing of this situation, an anonymous donor stepped up and donated a cello to her.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS AND STANDING RULES Omicron State | The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International | 2017

The following changes in the Omicron State Bylaws and Standing Rules are being submitted by the Rules Committee and will be voted on at the 2017 State Convention.

Procedure for Omicron State Standing Rules Amendments:

Article XII. Section C-1 State Standing Rules may be amended or rescinded at any state convention in odd-numbered years by a majority vote, provided thirty (30) days previous notice has been given, or by a two-thirds (2/3) vote without previous notice.

(All inserts are underlined)

Omicron State Standing Rules

Section C. ORGANIZATION Section 1 a, d, 2 d
Which now reads:

1. a. Area I: Gamma, Eta, Tau, Alpha, Eta, Alpha, Chi
1 d: Area IV: Alpha, Lambda, Mu, Nu, Xi, Upsilon, Alpha Rho

2 d: Unit 4: Alpha Delta, Epsilon, Kappa, Lambda, Xi

Amend: 1-a: Delete commas between Alpha and Eta, Alpha and Chi

1-d: Delete Mu

2-d: Add comma between Alpha and Delta

If adopted would read: (changes are underlined)

1. a. Gamma, Eta, Tau, Alpha Eta, Alpha Chi

1 d: Area IV: Alpha, Lambda, Nu, Xi, Upsilon, Alpha Rho

2 d: Unit 4: Alpha, Delta, Epsilon, Kappa, Lambda, Xi

Fiscal Impact: None, Mu has dissolved, the commas were editorial errors from previous printing.

Submitted and recommended for adoption by the Rules Committee.

Section H. Meetings-General 4 and 5

Which now reads:

4. A separate Omicron State convention account shall be established to be managed by the convention business manager, with four thousand dollars (\$4,000) of any remaining funds to be carried over for the following year(s). Any amount over four thousand dollars (\$4,000) will go into the Omicron State Available Fund.

5. When the convention account does not have a balance of four thousand dollars (\$4,000) by July 15, prior to the convention, Omicron State shall provide seed money to the hostess chapters, to bring the convention account up to four thousand dollars (\$4,000), no later than July 15, prior to the convention. This seed money is to be returned to Omicron State by June 15, following the convention.

Amend: Strike \$4,000 and insert \$6,000

If adopted would read: **4.** A separate Omicron State convention account shall be established to be managed by the convention business manager, with six thousand dollars (\$6,000) of any remaining funds to be carried

over for the following year(s). Any amount over six thousand dollars (\$6,000) will go into the Omicron State Available Fund.

5. When the convention account does not have a balance of six thousand dollars (\$6,000) by July 15, prior to the convention, Omicron State shall provide seed money to the hostess chapters to bring the convention account up to six thousand dollars (\$6,000), no later than July 15, prior to the convention. This seed money is to be returned to Omicron State by June 15, following the convention.

Rationale: The rationale is twofold. Number 1, hotels have required larger deposits. Number 2, checking account fees which may be as high as eight dollars (\$8.00) to twelve dollars (\$12.00) a month could be incurred for not having a high enough balance in the convention business account. Raising the seed money to six thousand dollars (\$6,000) will allow the hostess chapters to plan and secure the necessities for a well run convention and save money for incurred bank fees. Money in the business convention account above six thousand dollars (\$6,000) will be returned to Omicron State by June 15, following the convention.

Fiscal Impact: There is an original fiscal impact by providing two thousand dollars (\$2,000) more for the convention business account for seed money. This is a small fiscal impact since money made from a successful convention will be returned to Omicron State Available Fund after the convention.

Approximate annual cost/savings: The tangible annual savings are between ninety-six dollars (\$96) and one hundred and forty-four dollars (\$144) of checking account fees.

Submitted and recommended for adoption by the Rules Committee.

Omicron State Achievement Award Recipient Dies

Joan Meighan (Beta), Omicron State's 2009 Achievement Award winner, passed away on December 25, 2016 in Phoenix, Arizona. A forty-year member, Meighan had served as President of the Phoenix Area Coordinating Council and as chairman of the state Life Experience Committee. She served on many state and chapter committees, attended many regional and international events and was active in her church. She is survived by her daughter Kim Meighan (Beta) and her grandson Zachary Goga.



Joan Meighan (Beta)



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April 21, 22, 23, 2017

CONVENTION REGISTRATION

HOTEL REGISTRATION IS SEPARATE (SEE ABOVE)

PLEASE FILL IN FORM COMPLETELY!

Last Name: _____ First Name: (Badge) _____ Chapter: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

Current International or State Officer/Committee Chair Title: _____

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|------------------------|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|---|
| • Past State President | Y | N | • Member age 35 years old or younger | Y | N |
| • Chapter President | Y | N | • Convention First Timer | Y | N |
| | | | • Chorus Participation | Y | N |

Mark the events below that you wish to attend. Indicate the number and names of guests attending.

****Guest's meals must be paid for with your registration. ** Fill in total amount for registration and each function, ending with the overall **TOTAL** amount due.**

EVENTS	ATTENDING	COST PER PERSON	AMOUNT DUE
REGISTRATION FEE (MUST BE PAID BY ALL MEMBERS)			
Attending 2 or 3 days			
POSTMARKED ON or BEFORE March 28		\$55.00	_____
POSTMARKED from March 29-April 12		\$75.00	_____
Attending 1 day only Fri.____ Sat.____ or Sun.____			
POSTMARKED ON or BEFORE March 28		\$30.00	_____
POSTMARKED from March 29-April 12		\$40.00	_____
Friday Afternoon – Life Experience	Y N	\$5.00	_____
(Time Machine Museum-Guided Tour at 2:00/4455 E. Camp Lowell Dr, Tucson, AZ 85712)			
MEALS MAY NOT BE ATTENDED UNLESS YOU ARE REGISTERED FOR THE CONVENTION			
Friday Night Reception – Must have ticket.			
(Appetizer Reception)	Y N	NO CHARGE	_____ 0 _____
Guest: _____	# _____	\$20.00	_____
Saturday Birthday Luncheon*	Y N	\$20.00	_____
Guest: _____	# _____	\$20.00	_____
Saturday Rose Banquet*	Y N	\$32.00	_____
Guest: _____	# _____	\$32.00	_____
Sunday World Fellowship Breakfast*	Y N	\$18.00	_____
Guest: _____	# _____	\$18.00	_____
		TOTAL	_____

On Saturday there is a breakfast buffet offered in the hotel restaurant beginning at 6:30. The usual cost is \$14, but DKG members who are registered hotel guests may PURCHASE a coupon for the Saturday morning buffet for \$10 at the front hotel reservation desk.

***SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS:** Diabetic _____ Gluten Free _____ Vegetarian _____ Allergies _____

List any specific dietary needs: _____

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THERE WILL BE NO ON SITE REGISTRATION OR SALE OF MEAL TICKETS. NO REGISTRATION OR MEALS WILL BE SOLD AFTER APRIL 12.

Make checks payable to: **OMICRON STATE ANNUAL CONVENTION.** Mail check and complete form by March 28 to:

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Sahuarita, AZ 85629
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**Hear
Ye,
Hear
Ye,
Hear
Ye!**

The following
"proclamation" was
presented to members at
the Fall Workshop.
Don't forget your key
in April!

Let it be known henceforth of the invitation for all to

"Unlock your Potential"

by attending the

Omicron State of Delta Kappa Gamma's Spring Convention

to be held at the Radisson Hotel, 6555 Speedway Blvd. in the
Old Pueblo or as others call it – Tucson, Arizona

These dates shall be Friday thru Sunday on the days of
April 21,22,and 23rd in the year of our Lord 2017.

Loyal members and new shall gather to participate in the annual formal meeting and meet
distinguished state and foreign officers. You will learn new and exciting ideas for personal and
professional growth, hear honored speakers and celebrate a notable birthday.

You shall be in awe of the parade of new Chapter Presidents.

We will honor those sisters who have passed on and rejoice in World Fellowship.

Be it also known that many items will be held for sale in the Rose Boutique including raffle
tickets to aid scholarships and other endeavors.

Be it known that each member shall have in her possession a shiny brass key attached to a
magnet with a personal invitation.

Return this glorious key and magnet to the convention and be registered to win a most
glorious prize. Remember thou cannot win if thou doth not play.

Hear ye, Hear ye, Hear ye!

Mini Time Machine Museum Tour

Please join the Life Experience Committee in visiting the Mini Time Machine Museum on Friday afternoon, April 21, 2017, at the annual state Convention. There are over 275 miniatures, houses, and room boxes in a collection for visitors of all ages, interests, and talents. A docent-led tour will explain the use and production of miniatures as we visit three separate galleries.

The History Gallery is a window into the past, a view of life in the 18th, 19th, and 20th centuries.

The Enchanted Realm is filled with fantasy themed miniatures and collections. This creative setting has a large enchanted tree in the center, surrounded by dragons, fairies, mice, frogs, and other imaginary creatures.

Exploring the World, the third gallery in the museum, showcases miniatures depicting life around the world.

The museum, located at 4455 E. Camp Lowell Drive, is open from 9:00-4:00. Our tour will begin at 2:00 and last 45-60 minutes, with time after the tour to explore the museum individu-



ally. Cost for a group tour is \$5.00 and can be included with registration or with a check made out to Omicron State. Please RSVP to Renate Krompasky by April 14th at renate.krompasky@aol.com, (520) 850-5470.

The museum has a limited number of flashlights available. Bring a small flashlight if you can.

This will be a wonderful experience and a chance to learn about miniatures. Check out the website (www.theminitimemachine.org) to see pictures of some of the actual exhibits and take

a virtual reality tour of this unique museum.

Other suggestions for the day are to have lunch earlier at La Hacienda, a Mexican restaurant a few blocks away from the museum. The address is 3225 N. Swan Road 85712. You might also want to do some shopping at the UNICEF Store, featuring merchandise from all around the world, located near the hotel at 6242 E. Speedway (Monterey Village – corner of Speedway and Wilmot).

Renate Krompasky, Nu, Life Experience Chairman

What Do You Know About 80 Years in Omicron State?

The 2016 Omicron State Fall Workshop was a celebration of Omicron State's 80th year in DKG. Priscilla Hall (Tau) and Sherry Baca (Eta) shared a presentation to highlight this. Hall gave participants a 2016 shiny Lincoln Penny and two sheets of paper to play a "scratch off" game focusing on Omicron State's 16 founders. The purpose was to illustrate how much each of us has in common with these founders.

She assigned each founder a number and listed that number next to the state they were born, the schools they attended, where they worked and the organizations to which they belonged. Audience members then played "scratch off" to see which founders were born in their same state, attended their same schools, etc.

She made the scratch off solution by mixing one part Dawn dish soap with two parts paint. Before putting the scratch off solution over the numbers on the paper, she first placed a piece of clear tape on the paper so the solution didn't bleed through. Then she read a brief paragraph on each founder, highlighting fun and interesting tidbits of information.

Did you know that the only founder born in Arizona was Mrs. Frances Toland Boyer? And that Evelyn Jones Kirmse was a 1924 "flapper"? And May Davis Spalding was the first Southern Belle to ride astride? Two of the founders were instrumental in establishing the current teacher retirement system in Arizona: Anne Paget Rogers and Constance Fitch Smith.

Sherry Baca introduced participants to the game: *I have... Who has...* Each person was given two cards. Each card contained an Omicron State history question and an answer to a different question. One person was selected to start by reading a question. Whoever had the answer, read that answer and then asked the question on that card. Play continued around the room until all the questions and answers were read.

Sherry Baca, Eta

Fall Workshop Attendance Awards

Best In-Area Attendance:Alpha Beta (14)
 Best Out-of-Area:Zeta (9)
 Best Percentage In-Area:Alpha Delta (72%)
 Best Percentage Out-of-Area:Zeta (50%)

Iota chapter won the challenge to bring non-members to the conference with 3 guests.

The 7 by '17 challenge to bring in new members will be announced at the Convention in April. Leaders in the race at present are Alpha Rho, Kappa, and Eta.

Kathi Houtcooper, Alpha Iota, Membership Chairman



Tracey Antista (Xi) discussed "Pinterest" at the "Technology 101" workshop during the Omicron State DKG members fall workshop.

Tips about Pinterest

With so many social media networking sites such as *Facebook*, *Twitter* and *Snapchat*, it hardly seems necessary to start yet *another* profile. So, why **Pinterest**? That's what Tracey Antista (Xi) addressed in her workshop "Technology 101," presented at the Fall Workshop for Omicron State DKG members, at Metro Tech High School, October 22, 2016.

Pinterest is like a catalog of ideas and has many creative uses. It's a site where people can search, upload, save, sort, and manage images and videos on countless topics from recipes, travel, weddings and much more. Another advantage is that they can create and curate multiple boards, which allows other people the choice of which one to follow.

So, where do you start? Once you've created your account, install the browser button on your toolbar, which will allow you to pin things you find on the Internet. Or instead of using the "Pin It" browser bar button, you can copy and paste links from sites you like, and it will search for photos from that page, which you can then pin. You can also upload photos from your computer. It's easy to browse **Pinterest's** many categories to find pins within the app by clicking on the three lines in the top right corner of the website, where you can choose from a variety of headings. Click on a pin you like, and then hit the red "save" button. This is called "repinning." Once you pin it to your board, you can click on the pin, which takes you to the outside website with all of the information you need.

For educators, **Pinterest** can be an invaluable tool. Besides compiling content (including videos), it can be used to engage students as you connect and comment on their work. They can further create group projects; community boards are useful for col-

laborative projects, a great way to brainstorm. As you discover new lessons, you can share with your colleagues and get more ideas for future projects.

This workshop was a fun and informative session on the many uses of **Pinterest**. Are you interested in finding out how creative you can become? Explore **Pinterest**.

Tammy Kohli, Omega

Judge compares family court and classroom realities

During the annual Omicron State DKG Fall Workshop luncheon, Superior Court Judge Jennifer Green compared her experiences and concerns in family court to those of educators. Her rulings often include guiding divorced parents in decision making.

Many times separated parents can't agree on a school for their children. Divorced parents may have difficulty reaching decisions that impact their children, like where to attend church, which extracurricular activities to do or even who to live with should one parent want to move to a different city or state. She pointed out that the court decisions have some effect on the child's education.

Children may be suddenly pulled out of the school where they are comfortable and have friends. Homework may suffer because of traveling between parents' homes or different parenting styles. Teachers often notice when children are stressed from something at home and are often the only people that children feel safe in confiding their worries.

Audience heads nodded when Judge Green concluded that in fact she and all of the educators and former educators in the room had a common interest and duty in benefitting the lives of children in our trust.

Christa Detmer, Alpha Delta



Kathy Green (Alpha Delta) introduced her daughter, Judge Green, as the Fall Workshop Luncheon Speaker.

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White Roses

"A Moment to Remember...
 A Lifetime to Honor"

Joan Meighan Phoenix, Arizona	Beta December 25, 2016
Arlene Matschullat Globe, Arizona	Delta December 8, 2016
Margery Gilbert Tucson, Arizona	Upsilon December 2, 2016
Shirley Pehlke Tucson, Arizona	Upsilon October 7, 2016
Margaret Schafer Scottsdale, Arizona	Chi December 7, 2016
Willie Lou Bengtson (103 years old) Mesa, Arizona	Alpha Epsilon April 24, 2016
Doris McCulloch (106 years old) Bozeman, Montana	Alpha Epsilon September 24, 2016
Ruth Mattison Sun City West, Arizona	Alpha Xi October 14, 2016
Lillian Gill Tolleson, Arizona	Alpha Sigma October 22, 2016

Members create at the Retreat

The Creative Arts Retreat was held at *Spirit in the Desert* in Carefree, Arizona January 13-14. Twenty-three members and guests attended the event. Activities included a shadow puppet show, glass etching, card making, making aprons out of men's shirts, drawing with pastels and making quilted ornaments. Please go to <http://www.deltakappagamma.org/AZ/> to see photographs of the weekend.

Educational Foundation provides dollars

In the September grading period of the CIPD (Cornet) Awards, Kathryn Lackey (Nu) and Melissa Hankins from Goodyear were awarded funds. Lackey will present a workshop at the spring convention and relate some of the news about brain study that she gleaned from the conference she attended.

Members are encouraged to apply to attend a non-DKG conference or to receive funds for a project that would benefit students. The next deadline to submit applications is May 1. Apply now to receive funds for the fall semester. Forms are available on the International Website under the heading for the Educational Foundation.

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On September 12, 2016, Alice Reule (Alpha Delta), Lori Good (Alpha Alpha) and Chris Ackerley (2016 Friend of Education) met with Diane Douglas, Arizona State School superintendent to discuss educational issues and present the DKG Collaborative Connections Volunteer hours mock check.

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